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SUBJECT: Example release letters

REMARKS: regarding Moab Salt

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July 23, 1992

Certified Return Receipt
P 074 978 844

Mr. Robert Shumway
W. K. Enterprises
3240 South Highway 191
Moab, Utah 84532

EXAMPLE

Dear Mr. Shumway:

Re: Division Release, Certificate of Deposit, W. K. Enterprises, Louise Mine,
M/037/013, San Juan County, Utah

This letter is forwarded in response to your request for surety release for the Louise Mine. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining and Bureau of Land Management have evaluated the reclamation work at the Louise and have found it to be satisfactory. The Division hereby releases the Savings Certificate No 10773, for \$3,000, back to W. K. Enterprises.

First Western National Bank has advised us that my endorsement of the Savings Certificate will be sufficient to release our claim on the certificate. Also, please find enclosed a copy of the reclamation contract explaining our agreement regarding the surety. It should clarify any questions the bank might have. Please take the certificate to First Western National Bank for disbursement of the funds.

Thank you for your diligence in meeting the reclamation requirements of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act.

Best regards,

Lance P Braxter
Dianne R. Nielson for
Director

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Enclosures

cc: Shane Seright, First Western National Bank
Brad Palmer, BLM, Grand RA

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Otherwise, attach the number. or to all addressees, attach this receipt, if return



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July 21, 1998

CERTIFIED RETURN RECEIPT
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EXAMPLE

Allan Young
Sunshine Mining Company
877 West Main Suite 600
Boise, Idaho 83702

Re: Release of Surety Bond, Sunshine Mining Company (Sunshine), Apex/Burgin Mine, M/049/009, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Young:

On July 2, 1998, the Division received an interim surety bond from Tintic Utah Metals, LLC (Tintic) for the Apex/Burgin mine. In response to a subsequent Division request, Tintic forwarded a letter (received July 20, 1998) to our office assuming full responsibility for Sunshine's current permit and all of the associated reclamation responsibilities. This written commitment was required to allow us to release Sunshine's existing \$350,000 surety bond before the formal permit transfer documents are finalized.

The Division hereby releases Sunshine's existing surety bond for this project. Tintic Utah Metals, LLC is now the party responsible for all continued mining and reclamation activities associated with this project. Sunshine is now released from its mining and reclamation obligations for this project.

Enclosed please find the original surety bond ~~in the amount of \$737,000.~~ in the amount of \$737,000. We are also returning surety riders # ~~and~~ which subsequently reduced the reclamation surety to the current \$350,000 amount.

Thank you for your continued patience and assistance in finalizing the transfer of the existing Apex/Burgin Mine permit from Sunshine Mining Company to Tintic Utah Metals, LLC.

Sincerely,

Lowell P. Braxton
Lowell P. Braxton
Director

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Enclosure: Original surety w/2 riders
cc: Tom Gast, Environmental Management Services
Paul Spor, Tintic Utah Metals, LLC
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Example

Paul Spor
Executive Director
Tintic Utah Metals, LLC.
15988 Silver Pass Road
P.O. Box 51
Eureka, Utah 84628

Re: Submittal of Replacement Surety Bond, Tintic Utah Metals, LLC., Apex/Burgin Mine,
M/049/009, Utah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Spor:

On July 2, 1998, the Division received Tintic Utah Metals, LLC's (Tintic) replacement surety bond for the Apex/Burgin mine. Frontier Insurance Company has issued surety bond in the amount of \$350,000. This surety bond will effectively replace Sunshine Mining Company's recent surety bond issued by Travelers Casualty and Surety Company for this project.

Tintic's new surety is categorized as an *interim* reclamation surety. It is intended to cover all existing surface disturbances at the mine and will remain in place until we grant final approval of Tintic's latest large mine permit application. A new reclamation surety amount will be calculated for Tintic's revised permit application as part of the Division's formal review process. Once we reach a tentative approval decision on the application, the surety amount may need to be adjusted accordingly.

On July 20, 1998, we received a written commitment from Tintic assuming full responsibility for Sunshine Mining Company's current Apex/Burgin Mine permit and all of the associated reclamation obligations. Our receipt of Tintic's replacement interim reclamation surety bond and your July 17, 1998 follow up letter will now allow us to release and return Sunshine's surety bond. Tintic Utah Metals, LLC is now recognized as the party/operator responsible for continued mining and reclamation of the Apex/Burgin project.

As you know, we cannot complete the processing of the large mine permit transfer form (MR-TRL), until a complete Reclamation Contract Agreement (Form MR-RC) has been received and approved by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. In reviewing the permit transfer form included with your June 1997 revised permit application, we recently noted that page 3 of 6 was missing. This is the page that the transferor must sign and notarize. Because we have made more recent minor revisions to this form, we ask that you please have a new transfer form signed and returned to this office to replace the form presently on file. A copy of the more recent transfer form is attached for your convenience.

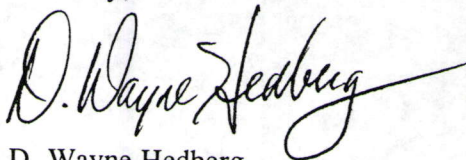
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Paul Spor
M/049/009
July 21, 1998

Example

We await Tintic's response to the Division's March 16, 1998 initial deficiency review comments. A Reclamation Contract Agreement (Form MR-RC) will need to be completed and returned once we reach the tentative approval stage and determine the final reclamation surety amount. We have enclosed a copy of this form with guidelines for completion. If you have any questions on completing the form, please call me at (801) 538-5286 or Joelle Burns at 538-5291.

Thank you for your patience and assistance in completing this permitting process. We look forward to receiving your response to our latest technical review and completing the permitting process of your large mine application in the near future.

Sincerely,



D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: MR-TRL, MR-RC & guidelines
cc: Tom Gast, Environmental Management Services
Allan Young, Sunshine Mining Company
M049009.rc